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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND THE ALLIES.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S BROAD HINT.

New York, February 17.
An Associated Press message from Washington announces officially that President Wilson's Memorandum informed the Allies that the United States might have to consider withdrawing the Treaty of Versailles from the Senate if the Allies proceeded with their plans without the consent of the United States.

THE ALLIES' ATTITUDE.

Paris, February 17.
Le Matin says the Allied Reply to President Wilson's Note has been delayed owing to a decision to revise the draft, because the question is regarded as the most important since the conclusion of hostilities, and owing to the subsequent intervention of Viscount Grey, Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Robert Cecil. The Note is likely to be more conciliatory than forecasted yesterday. Britain and France desire the closest co-operation with the United States, but point out that they cannot abandon the decisions reached while the United States voluntarily absented himself from the Peace Conferences.

NOT A THREAT.

Washington, February 17.
White House officials declare that President Wilson's Adriatic Note is not a threat to withdraw from European affairs, but the United States could not participate in the settlement of Fiume, including the policing of the Adriatic, if Jugo-Slavia were forced into the settlement. It is suggested that the United States might cease European relief work if the Peace Treaty is modified contrary to the principle of self-determination.

POLICING THE ADRIATIC.

Washington, February 17.
It is announced that the United States will be one of the five nations to police the Adriatic.

A COMPROMISE DEMANDED.

Paris, February 16.
The London correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* states:—Mr. Millerand and Mr. Lloyd George, in replying to President Wilson, declare that they abide by the resolution of the Adriatic problem. They have notified to Jugo-Slavia that on January 20, Mr. Lloyd George, acting as President of the Peace Conference, sent a letter to M. Trombich, the Jugo-Slav Foreign Minister, emphasising that unless Jugo-Slavia accepts a compromise the Treaty of London will be carried out.

TRIAL OF M. CAILLAUX BEGUN.

Paris, February 17.
The trial of M. Caillaux has begun in the High Court under the Presidency of M. Leon Bourgeois.

"RUGGER" IN FRANCE.

Paris, February 17.
In a Rugby match here, Wales beat France by 6 points to 5.

BIG BOLSHIEVSK SCHEME TO EMERGOIL ASIA.

London, February 16.
The *Times* correspondent at Delhi states that it is reliably declared that the Bolsheviki's plans for an intense external propaganda include Persia, Afghanistan, India and China. The Bolsheviki hope to produce a state of chaos within two years when the internal reconstruction of Russia is completed. By gifts of arms and ammunition, loans, military instructors, trained gunners and aeroplanes it is hoped to induce Afghanistan to attack India, with the consequent defeat and deposition of the Ameer, thereby provoking anarchy and producing conditions for establishing an Afghan Soviet Republic, and when the north of India is saturated with Soviet doctrines and lured into rebellion, there would be an opportunity for a great Bolshevik attack on India.

AMERICA'S PACIFIC NAVAL BASE.

AN OFFER FROM CALIFORNIA.

Washington, February 13.
Mr. Daniels is accepting the offer of a site as a naval base from the town of Alameda, conditional on the necessary Congressional appropriations. It is stated that the Navy's most pressing need was a base in California.

AMERICAN RAILWAY DISPUTE.

PROPOSAL BY PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, February 13.
President Wilson has proposed a settlement in connection with the demands of railwaymen for higher wages. The railwaymen have agreed to consider the proposal.

AMERICA AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

Washington, February 14.
After conferring with high Government officials, the Olympic Games Committee has obtained official Government sanction and support for the American team which will be entered at Antwerp. President Wilson has provisionally accepted the Honorary Presidency of the Committee and Mr. Baker and Mr. Daniels will be Vice-Presidents.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE PRICE OF SEWING COTTON.

PROFITTEERING BY MESSRS. COATS.

London, February 18.
The Profiteering Act sub-committee, inquiring respecting the alleged 'sewing cotton combine', report after exhaustive inquiries, that the manufacture of sewing cotton is a virtual monopoly of Messrs. Coats, who have taken advantage of their monopoly to restrict the trade, making it extremely difficult for competing firms to obtain a footing; and that in view of Messrs. Coats having last September estimated that the total manufacturing and selling costs amounted to 3.83d. per reel, the advancement in the retail selling price (to sevenpence farthing) was hardly justifiable. The retail price should not have exceeded sixpence per reel. Messrs. Coats had increased their net profit per reel by 168 per cent. between 1914 and 1919. The sub-committee, however, are of opinion that when Messrs. Coats, present supplies of raw manufactured cotton is exhausted the price of sewing cotton must rise, unless the price of cotton falls.

TEN DREADNOUGHTS TO BE SOLD.

DEVELOPMENT OF NAVAL GUNNERY.

London, February 17.
The *Daily Chronicle* says that in view of developments in Naval Gunnery the Admiralty is selling nine dreadnoughts, these being the Bellerophon, St. Vincent, Hercules, Collingwood, Indomitable, Superb, Neptune, Colossus and Inflexible, valued at ten millions sterling. The sales are mostly to clear out the twelve inch gun vessels. Some may be sold to the Dominions. Future ships will be armed with thirteen point fives and fifteen inchers, and owing to development in naval gunnery, the guns may get even bigger.

DENIKIN AND THE COSSACKS.

AN AGREEMENT REACHED.

London, February 17.
The *Times* correspondent at Novorossisk says Denikin has reached an agreement with the Cossacks whereby he remains Generalissimo but ceases to be Dictator. A Parliamentary régime has been formed with an elective Legislative Assembly and a Cabinet of eight. Denikin has declared that the military situation is improving and the front can be held if the Kuban forces immediately go to the front. Meanwhile the Bolshevik advance in the Caucasus has been held up.

MORE TROUBLE IN IRELAND.

DISGRACEFUL INCIDENTS.

London, February 16.
About fifty armed masked men at 2 o'clock Sunday morning attacked the Ballytrain Police Station, near Dundalk, which was occupied by six policemen. Brisk firing and bombing by both sides continued for three hours, when a terrific explosion blew up the building, burying four policemen in the debris. The raiders carried away all arms and ammunition. No arrests have been made. The policemen were sent to hospital.
Another raid took place in a private house at Cork by four armed men who held up the occupant and demanded arms to which request they replied by shooting one of the assailants in the breast, the occupant himself being shot in both arms.
The raiders got away, carrying their wounded comrade.

GENERAL TOWNSHEND.

WITHDRAWS RESIGNATION.

London, February 17.
In the House of Commons at question-time, Sir Archibald Williamson, for the War Office, stated that General Townshend had withdrawn his resignation from the Army, which was based on a misapprehension of the Regulations. General Townshend had been informed that he was free to retire on retired pay, but he had not yet replied.

EAST AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

REPRESENTATION OF INDIANS.

London, February 17.
In the House of Commons, replying to Lt. Col. Campion, Colonel Amery stated that as at present arranged the Indians in East Africa will be represented on the Legislative Council by two members nominated by the Governor. The question of the elective representation of Indians is being considered.

THE SILVER MARKET.

London, February 14.
Messrs Samuel Montagu and Company's silver report dated February 12 says the market has shown considerable steadiness during the week, with the inclination upward. The fall in price today is due to the strong recovery of American exchange and the fall of China exchange.

OBJECTION TO CHINESE CREW.

London, February 14.
Seamen at Newport (Monmouthshire) have decided to hold up the Blue Anchor liner Albion Star until the Chinese crew is removed and replaced by British. A Strike Committee has been formed and no seamen are signing on in any ships.

SALE OF EX-GERMAN LINERS.

New York, February 17.
The auction of ex-German liners has so far fetched \$32,000,000.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE MAD MULLAH AGAIN.

AN ANGLO-ITALIAN EXPEDITION.

Nairobi, February 15.
Combined Anglo-Italian action against the Mad Mullah is reported to have begun in Abyssinia with the object of sweeping the country of his supporters and concentrating a large force in the vicinity of Gazab, a stronghold in the northern Agaden country.
A British force, composed of Africans and Indians, with tanks and aviation detachments, has landed at Berbera and the Italians are establishing a base in Italian Somaliland. The Somalis state that the Mad Mullah is preaching a Holy War on behalf of the Sultan of Turkey.

OPERATIONS SUCCESSFUL.

London, February 17.
The British operations against the Mullah have been so successful that they can be regarded as practically over. The Mullah's forces have been heavily defeated and the Mullah himself has escaped in the direction of Italian territory.

ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

London, February 17.
In the House of Commons, Colonel Amery stated that as a result of three weeks' operations led by the Air Force the power of the Dervishes in British Somaliland has been completely destroyed. The Mullah, after several very narrow escapes, finally fled with seventy horsemen. It is believed that the Mullah's power to endanger the peace and security of British Somaliland had been ended—(Cheers).

TURKS SLAUGHTERING ARMENIANS.

SEVEN THOUSAND KILLED.

London, February 17.
The *Times* says that Turkish troops and Kurds have slaughtered 7,000 Armenians in Cilicia. The struggle continues around Marash. The Armenians are resisting strongly but have suffered seriously. The Turks have advanced to Baghtiche, spreading terror.

AN ALLIED WARNING.

London, February 17.
The British High Commissioner in Constantinople has been instructed to publish the fact that the Allies have decided not to deprive the Turks of Constantinople, but the Porte is warned that if persecutions of the Armenians continue, the Turkish Peace Treaty will be considerably modified.

U. S. AND SHANTUNG.

A NEW RESERVATION.

London, December 18.
The *Daily News* learns from New York that Senator Lodge's revised reservation on Shantung, demands full liberty of action for the United States. Whereas the previous version limited this to trouble between China and Japan, this limitation is entirely struck out and the United States asserts an entirely free hand in the Far East.

MR. LANSING'S RESIGNATION.

PRESIDENT WILSON STRONGLY CRITICISED.

New York, February 16.
Practically every newspaper in the country appears to support Mr. Lansing against President Wilson, whose action is variously described as "ungrateful, unseemly, and unexplainable," whilst the characteristics of the President's illness are stated to be "petulance, peevishness, asperity and excessive sensitiveness."
A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives calling upon the Foreign Affairs Committee to investigate whether Mr. Lansing has violated the Constitution by calling meetings without the President's consent.
In some quarters it is believed the real trouble is due to President Wilson's idea that an attempt is being made to invoke the Article of the Constitution providing that the President's duties could be assumed by the Vice-President in the event of the former not being able to carry them out.
Whatever the real reason, the American public sides warmly with Mr. Lansing, and believes his effort to carry on during the President's illness was not a sufficient cause for dismissal.

CANADA'S POSITION IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

AMERICAN OBJECTIONS ANSWERED.

Ottawa, February 16.
Mr. Newton Rowell, K.C., acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, in the course of a strong pronouncement on the League of Nations, declared:—"Canada has won a place in the League and will not surrender it. Canada refuses to agree to any impairment of her status and voting rights under the Peace Treaty in order to meet the United States' objections as regards the voting power of the Dominions. Canada had made this clear to the Imperial authorities, requesting them to acquaint Washington on the question."
Mr. Rowell quoted the *New York Tribune's* question to the Senate, namely, "You put Cuba, Panama, Hayti, Saint Domingo, and your dependencies in the League, but are unwilling to trust Canada."
Mr. Rowell queried: "Why?" He said the Canadians were awaiting an answer to that point, not believing that Americans would finally deny the Dominion the right which has cheerfully been accorded to the above-mentioned States.

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MARATHON RACE RESULT.

INDIAN RUNNER WINS "TELEGRAPH" CUP.

The much looked forward to Marathon Race was run this afternoon.

The winner was:—

No. 47, Sepoy Teja Singh, 22nd Punjabis.

The next two home were:—

No. 83, Sepoy Joti Ram, 74th Punjabis.

No. 137, Sepoy Dale Singh, 74th Punjabis.

BIG FIRE AT ABERDEEN.

OVER THIRTY HOUSES DESTROYED.

The dangers connected with the celebrations of the Chinese New Year have kept the Fire Brigade on the qui vive and early this morning they were called out to a fire that threatened to completely destroy Aberdeen village.

The cause of this disastrous outbreak has not been ascertained as it started at an untenanted house, at No. 54a, Main Street, commencing at 3.30, the fire spread with incredible rapidity until within a short period, the whole street was completely enveloped in flames and the forty odd houses on both sides of it were hopelessly involved.

The appliances at Aberdeen being inadequate to cope with the fire, a message was sent to the Central Police Station, and Superintendent Lane, with his Brigade, brought reinforcements. The fire, however, had gained such a hold on the buildings that the firemen had the greatest difficulty in coping with it. By five o'clock this morning, the flames were, however, brought under some measure of control. Sergt. Davis, of the Aberdeen Station, reports that 30 odd houses were totally destroyed, while six others were more or less gutted. These were two-storied buildings and represented practically half of the houses of the village.

The ruins have not yet been cleared, but it is believed that no lives have been lost.

KOWLOON THIEF CAUGHT.

EUROPEANS' PROPERTY RECOVERED.

A Kowloon thief, who was much sought after by the Police of that district, has been laid by the heels. His operations were mostly conducted in European houses, the carelessness of the servants in leaving the doors unlocked being responsible for his success, so said Sergt. Aris.

The thief's method of disposing of his loot was through the medium of the pawnshop. At one of these, whilst attempting to dispose of an overcoat belonging to Mr. Buckborough (No. 6 Knutsford Terrace) he was detained by the pawnbroker, whose suspicions had been aroused by the fact that the thief had on the previous day, pawned a similar article, which subsequent enquiries revealed to be the property of Mr. J. W. Clark, of No. 4, Mody Road. On his person the Police found a pawn ticket which threw light on the mystery of a pair of brown boots which recently made their disappearance from Mr. Buckborough's residence. The thief was then persuaded by the Police to lead them to his favourite "hiding place" for the loot. He led them to the basement of No. 35, Granville Road, and it was here that with great joy Mr. Buckborough recovered another item of his belongings in the form of a black overcoat.

Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, was informed of the facts of the case by Sergt. Aris, after which the thief was consigned to goal for four months.

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A Daily Chronicle representative recently had a chat with Mrs. M. R. Verden, who has recently been appointed manager of the women's section of the Eagle Star and British Dominions Insurance Company. This is pioneer work for, up to the present, insurance companies have not concerned themselves with women.

"As a matter of fact," said an authority on insurance when questioned on this point, "insurance companies have never regarded women's lives or business concerned with them as being as good as those of men."

But this opinion has been changing since the coming of the Armistice, released thousands upon thousands of women, whose wits and abilities have been sharpened by war work for business and commercial ventures.

"I have always been wrapped up in work for women," Mrs. Verden said recently. "And I have always realised that the modern, independent woman who marries is making a big sacrifice. The woman worker most often gives up her income, and consequently her economic independence, when she marries."

When children come, there are the inevitable expenses. Costs, parambulators, and so on, have to be purchased, and there are the hundred and one expenses to be met which are such a heavy drag on an ordinary middle-class income.

In addition, there are thousands of war widows who have to educate their children and bring them up to be worthy citizens. They cannot do this on their pensions. Consequently, they must work. And while they are working they must think of the future.

"I have discussed all these aspects exhaustively with a company of well-known women, who have agreed to act as an honorary board of reference, for the women section of the insurance company. They include Lady Frances Balfour, Viscountess Hampton, Miss Lillian Barker, C.B.E., Mrs. James Dawson, O.B.E., Miss Ruth Young (chairman of the Association of Women Clerks and Secretaries), Miss Clara Butt, and Miss Lillian Braithwaite. As a consequence there has been drawn up a scheme of insurance policies which, I think, meets the needs of the modern woman."

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"Many fathers and mothers are helping their young daughters to take these policies out," said Mrs. Verden. "It may be that, when they get married, their husbands will pay a proportion of the insurance for them."

"Anyhow, whichever way it may be arranged, I am glad that we have been able to fix up a scheme which should, I think, be of real use to the woman of to-day in helping her to make independent provision for herself, even should she give up her career."

GENERAL NEWS.**A JAPANESE BOLSHEVİK.**
A San Francisco telegram to the Tokyo Nichi Nichi says that on the 22nd ult. Nakadate Yojiro, a teacher at a Japanese primary school at Los Angeles was arrested by the American authorities who are now engaged in a crusade against the Bolsheviks. He is the first Japanese to be arrested in California as a Bolshevik.**KRUPPS LOSING MONEY.**
For the first time since the company was founded Krupp's balance sheet shows a loss—namely, of 36,000,000 marks, normally £1,800,000—as compared with 5,000,000 profit last year. This loss is covered by the balance brought forward, and by 20,000,000 from the special reserve. Making of guns, etc., having been stopped, the construction of railway engines and wagons, agricultural machinery and cinematograph apparatus has been undertaken.**NOTICES.****DO YOU SMOKE?**

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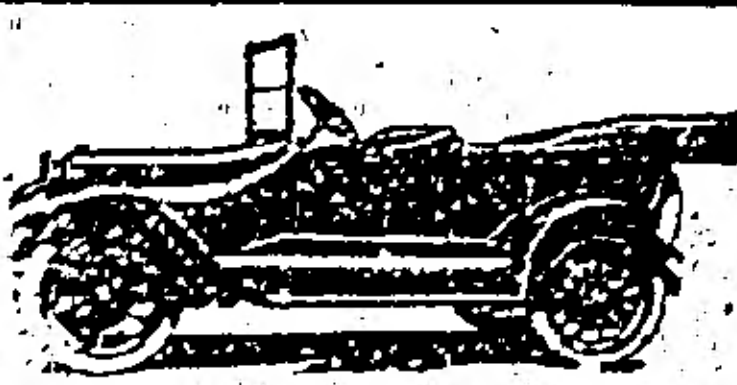
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HUMPHREYS' MEETING.

In connection with the statement in the speech of the Chairman of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., made at the annual meeting, that the meagre profit of 54 1/2 per cent. on the capital is conclusive evidence, not only that there has been no rent profiteering, but that, on the contrary, rentals are too low, we have examined the published accounts of the Company for some further light on the statement. An analysis of the accounts will show that the Company earned only 7 per cent. on the amount invested in property, but it is of great importance to note that the Chairman did not disclose to the meeting the cost of undeveloped property which is included in the Property Account shown in the balance sheet. Now, to get at the true return from rents, the Company's investment in property should be divided into two classes, namely, undeveloped and developed, and the return should be calculated on the cost of the latter, not on both, as we have been compelled to do for want of material. It is common knowledge that the Company has sunk large sums in land which has not yielded any income. There is, of course, nothing to prevent any landowner doing that, but by a tax on unearned increments the community might well derive some benefit from accretions in value, which in the nature of things, in a growing place like Kowloon or Hongkong, is bound to accrue. To attempt to refute a charge of profiteering by including, in capital sums, amounts which do not yield any income, and thereby reduce the percentage on income-earning property, is absurd. The published accounts are so drawn up that it is impossible to discover the returns on "developed" property, but if the Company were willing to give its cost, the percentage would no doubt be most illuminating.

The Chairman, however, in his eagerness to convince the rent-paying public—not the shareholders, who know better of the poor results obtained, spoil his own case by the fallacious argument of a small return on the capital. That small return of 54 1/2 per cent. was earned not because the rents *per se* were small, but because the profits had to bear charges of all description, notably a sum of \$43,600 odd, the cost of interest on mortgage, part of which, it is safe to assume, related to interest on mortgage on undeveloped property. In other words, rents are higher than they should be because the Company finds it necessary to borrow for the purpose of trading in "undeveloped" property. The weak spot in the year's results is not in the low rents, as suggested by the Chairman, but in the tendency on the part of the Company to over-trade, which is evidenced by the large debt due by the Company to mortgages. If it be good business to hold undeveloped property, the capital necessary for that operation should be obtained from the shareholders. That capital should not be borrowed, or, if it must be borrowed, then shareholders should remain content with smaller dividends until the unearned increment is ripe for the basket. Borrowing for the purpose of keeping undeveloped property, and paying dividends at the same time, must naturally result in increased rentals, otherwise the process could not be kept up.

Turning to the Chairman's statement that the Company has been able to finance new blocks of flats in Kowloon and May Road by borrowing two-thirds of the capital outlay on land and buildings at a reasonable rate of interest, and bearing in mind the statement recently made by H.E. the Governor that the rentals of the new buildings are restricted by agreement so as not to exceed 8 per cent. on the capital expenditure, the public would be interested to know the manner in which the capital expended is to be determined. The expenditure on the buildings is merely a matter of arithmetic and presents no difficulties, but the value of the sites brings up again the question of unearned increment. Will the sites be valued at cost or at present-day values? To our mind, cost is the proper basis, but if the latter valuation be taken, the nominal rent secured to the public by a benevolent Government will be still 8 per cent., but the effective rate earned by the Company will be considerably more. It is said that the rate of interest agreed to with the Government is 4 per cent. If this is the case, the taxpayers of the Colony are giving the Company a big "cushaw." To take a concrete case. Assume the cost of land and a building at \$15,000; the rent by agreement, irrespective of Crown rent and charges, is fixed at 8 per cent., or \$1,200 per annum. The Company borrows \$10,000, at 4 per cent., costing \$400, and pockets the difference of \$800 per annum, or 16 per cent. on a capital outlay of \$5,000. The agreement with the Government is in no way broken, but the Company nevertheless earns an extra 8 per cent. on its capital outlay by way of bonus. Further remarks on the action of the Government in lending money to Companies, whilst at the same time refusing loans to individuals, are unnecessary in the face of such a possibility as this. Taking Mr. Humphreys' speech as it stands, it is far too vague and general in its terms to convince the public that his Company is not charging unduly high rentals. Let him give the actual return secured on developed property. Then the Company's tenants will be better able to judge whether there is any profiteering in rents.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

THE FAIR.

Another Chinese New Year holiday has come and is nearly gone. Characterised by all the usual business settlements, with the squaring up of things belonging to the past year, the period has worn the usual aspect of celebration. The wheel of time has turned a little farther and a new point registered towards the completion of another of Cathay's many cycles. In Hongkong there has been the wonted firing of crackers, the picturesque supplications to Joss, and an indulgence in the native love of display. Queen's Road has once more witnessed the native fair, and the street, lined with booths loaded with a surprising miscellany and medley of things edible, useful and ornamental, has been the one to which all others led. Europeans have jostled among swarming natives in search of curios, have toyed with "works of art" and have eventually purchased them at figures "ruinous" to stall-keepers. Anything from a well-cooked beetle to a rare piece of porcelain was displayed for attraction. And everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The stall-holders, pleading all the while for honest prices, grew pleasantly enriched and the satisfied customers knew that they had beaten salesmen down to bargain figures. A gigantic game of bluff of irresistible appeal. We all deny that we like crowds or noise, but all Hongkong and his wife were to be seen in the thick of it. There must be some primal instinct to congregate; some deep-seated power of attraction in the glare and clamour of the mart. If yesterday was wet it seemed in no way to damp the ardour of the Chinese celebration. The powder in the crackers was dry, and the merry noise continued. And with it went the feasting and revelry.

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT.

To outsiders, who look for only national success in a country, the thought has possibly occurred that China has not so very much occasion to make a fuss. As a member in the family of the world's nations she has not been favoured with a year of wonderful success. In contrast to her large proportions, she has had but a small and insignificant voice in the important international councils that have met and resolved since the past year was first ushered in. But China goes on in her own sweet untroubled way, the majority of her millions knowing little and caring less about anything beyond their own personal circle and experience. While the rest of the world moans over that fact, "John" is more concerned to "carry on," enjoying his life's experience according to his own conceptions of right and wrong, good and evil. But it will not be ever thus. Against even the most seeming indifference, knowledge—the key that is gradually opening the door to man's more perfect happiness—is, sooner or later, the victor. Already we see China taking to education with greater zeal and earnestness, and there is rising up a class of instructed men that will take hold of and tackle the peculiar problems which now so effectively hinder China's mastery of herself. With the present position there is no need to despair. True it is that, nationally, China is in sorry plight. In fact she is scarcely a nation at all, but a huge, loosely governed people politically exploited from within and without. It is this only that some people study and from which they draw inferences that belie all humanity's past experience. It may just be that China, as we know it to-day, is not destined to become one great homogenous country having a unified national expression, but certain it is that the Chinese race has before it a future of even greater achievement than that which lies behind. With a more liberal admixture of western ideas and practices, the wonderful inherent acumen of this oriental people will come into a province of beneficial activity, the effect of which will be world-wide. It is inevitable, for the proof of it has already been established. But China is not a land of the few; the millions have never been counted. Before China and the Chinese there is still a long road before the time written of above will come into full view. And during that long period of travel, there will be much done in error; mistakes will have to be tolerated and rectified, and the more organised nations of the world will have to be free in help and guidance. At present, how prone we all are to criticize and ridicule. Constructive criticism is always of value, but it is not always given. China does not need vaporous exhortations to imitate other nations, but she needs a kindly guidance to initiate her own reforms in ways best suited to her peculiar civilisation. Whilst there is justification for regret at the passing of a year that has witnessed little else besides wasteful controversy and strife, there is, in the future, enough of promise to engender bright hopes. China is slowly moving forward, she is too unwieldy and cumbersome to go fast. But every year that passes brings the world nearer the day when China and the Chinese will occupy their true place in the human scheme of things.

DAY BY DAY.

THE DEVIL HATES THE SMELL OF PRINTER'S INK.

Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick and Lady Tudor, who returned from China, are staying at the Somerset Hotel, Orchard Street, London.

Some queer signs and notices were thrust upon the passers by in Chinatown on Chinese New Year. This was outside a Chinese restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central.

The Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$10.00 from Mrs. Chan Yui Hing through Mr. McElderry, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs.

The Hongkong Hotel was again taxed for accommodation by the arrival of the s.s. Venezuela. The management could take in only a fifth of the applicants, seventy passengers being refused accommodation. This spectacle of "Hotel full" has now become a common feature of life in Hongkong.

By the s.s. Venezuela there arrived another batch of tourists travelling under the agency of the Raymond Whitecombe Company. Unfortunately, Mr. B. Thompson, who was to have directed these tourists in Hongkong and elsewhere met with an accident and dislocated his arm. He is now in a hospital in Yokohama. Mr. Shimizu is to accompany the party.

We regret to record the death, at the Military Hospital on Tuesday, of Capt. Greenhill, of the Chinese Labour Corps who was temporarily staying in Hongkong. Deceased was for many years in the Chinese Maritime Customs in Shanghai and later for four years in Amoy. He volunteered for duty with the Chinese Labour Corps and got his captaincy not long after going home.

MURDER CHARGE.

A BOY KILLED.

The story of an affray which is alleged to have resulted in the death of one of the contestants, for which his adversary is charged with murder, was related at the Magistracy to Mr. J. R. Wood by Inspector Macdonald this morning. The deceased, the Inspector said, was a boy, 12 years of age, who on Wednesday went to the house of the defendant, at No. 52, Third Street, to gamble. He was told by the defendant to pawn a cap for him, which the boy refused to do. A little later, on a further request by the defendant, the boy proceeded to the pawnshop and pawned a jacket. On his return, the defendant slapped him, and this led to a fight which took place in the street. Both armed themselves with poles, and in the course of the fight, the defendant is said to have hit the boy three times on the head with the pole. The fight was eventually stopped, and the boy went to his house, where, early the next morning, he died. His brother, before this, had made a report to the Police. The nature of the injuries showed that the boy had died as a result of fracture of the skull.

The defendant was remanded.

NAVAL NOTES.

Outlets Crews drawn from H.M.S. "Alacrity" and the Torpedomen of H.M.S. "provided a most exciting race on Sunday evening last. The original intention was for "Hawkins" Racing Crew to compete, but with so many more men to choose from they held what might have been considered an unfair advantage consequently the Torpedomen, whose numbers apparently compare favourably with those of "Alacrity," accepted the challenge. The crews were splendidly matched and the race a neck and neck struggle from start to finish. "Alacrity" held a slight lead after passing and receiving the encouraging cheers of the "Ambrose" but "Hawkins" drew level again on coming within hail of her own Ship's Company. The last half mile was a race not often seen in Hongkong, both crews straining every muscle and nerve, and it was not until "Alacrity" heard the welcoming shouts of their own sturdy supporters that she crept in front to win by the narrowest of margins. Splendid crews and a fine race.

The reduction in the personnel of the Fleet proceeds apace, and I hear that it is to be completed as far as Home Service is concerned by the end of March. I am informed that there are a number of applicants on the China Station for Free Discharges, and that there is considerable conjecture as to whether the necessary approval will be forthcoming before the limit is reached.

From my own experience, I imagine that foreign stations have been taken into consideration, therefore I have no hesitation in saying that those who can show reasonable grounds will be given every facility in obtaining what they require at the earliest possible date.

H.M.S. "Fame" left Hongkong for Canton on Tuesday last; the duration of her absence is uncertain.

It is not my usual custom to dabble in football matters, but the look-alike manner in which the United Services Football League fixtures, and the fixtures in the Hongkong Shield competition are arranged is, to say the least, not conducive to the success of either of the competitions.

Take for instance the "Hawkins" and South China replay: surely that could have been played at one time and some of the other games in the Shield Competition proceeded with.

Also I hear there is to be no match this Saturday. Owing to the Committee not having definitely appointed dates on which games are to be played, none of the teams qualified to play in the second round have the slightest idea of when they may be called upon.

Apparently the same state of affairs exists in the U.S. League, for although a fixture list has actually been drawn up, teams appear able to make private arrangements over their matches, to the disorganisation of the programme, and obvious disregard of F. A. Rules.

I understand that all clubs in our local competitions are affiliated, either directly or indirectly, to the English Football Association. If such is the case, why not conform to its rules?

The China Squadron is still further honoured by the following awards:—

Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.—Captain Cecil P. Talbot, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. "Ambrose".
American D.S.M.—Captain John W. Carrington, D.S.O., R.N., H.M.S. "Carlisle".

DAVY JONES.

A ROADS COMMITTEE CENSURED.

An inquest was held at Portsmouth recently on the body of Petty Officer James Bendelow, of the Queen Elizabeth, who died from injuries received through his motor-cycle skidding near the Hilsa Arch. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned, but the jury considered that the Tramways and Roads Committee of the council deserved the severest censure because of the bad state of the roads.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 1.)

FRENCH SHIPPING DISASTER.

Paris, February 16. A communique states that all efforts have been unsuccessful to find the steamship Ville Dalger which sent a wireless message at eventide on February 1 that she was 150 miles from Reunion, carrying 91 passengers and 50 crew, as well as a cargo of rum and sugar. The Ville du Havre proceeded to her assistance and found the Ville Dalger on February 5 and abandoned. Subsequent searches did not reveal any wreckage. A boatload of the Ville Dalger's survivors has arrived at Madagascar. It is feared that the remainder have perished.

GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS.

TRIAL IN GERMAN COURTS.

Paris, February 16. The Allies have agreed that the war criminals be tried by the German courts. If the punishments are unsatisfactory, the Allies reserve the right to impose penalties on Germany for the non-fulfilment of the Peace Treaty.

FRENCH PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES.

AN INNOVATION.

Paris, February 15. M. Poincare will send a Presidential message to the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate on Tuesday next, on the eve of expiry of his powers as President. The message will be read in the Chamber by M. Millerand, and in the Senate by M. Chopiteaux, Keeper of the Seals. This farewell message, which is an innovation, is, of course, exciting great interest, and has produced an excellent impression in Parliamentary circles. Another Presidential message will be addressed to Parliament during the week by M. Deschanel.—Havas.

THREATENED FRENCH COAL STRIKE.

AN OFFER OF PENSIONS.

Paris, February 16. The French miners who threatened to break work, have decided to postpone the strike, the Minister of Labour, in conference with the Miners' Delegates, having said that Bill would provide for annual pensions of 1,500 francs from the age of 55 and 750 francs for miners' widows. The Delegates, however, have demanded other concessions.—Havas.

MARSHAL FOCH'S LIMOUSINE.

SOLD FOR FIVE TIMES ORIGINAL COST.

Paris, February 15. The famous blue-black limousine, which conveyed Marshal Foch about the French and Italian fronts, was sold yesterday for 74,000 francs. It was requisitioned originally for 15,000 francs.—Havas.

FRANCE AND JUGO-SLAVIA.

FALSE REPORTS OF MILITARY ALLIANCE.

Paris, February 14. Italian newspapers recently published documents purporting to show that a Military Alliance has been proposed between France and Jugo-Slavia. A semi-official Havas statement denounces the documents as forgeries and says no agreement of the kind has taken place.—Havas.

FRANCE AND THE RHINE.

Paris, February 14. Interesting revelations are now being made by M. Andre Mardieu in the *Illustration* concerning the negotiations of the Big Three that led France to abandon her claim to the occupation and independence of the left bank of the Rhine, in return for the defensive Alliance proposed by President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George.—Havas.

FRANCE AND ENEMY TONNAGE.

Paris, February 14. In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday, an interpellation on France's share of enemy tonnage was adjourned, the Under Secretary for Maritime Affairs having said negotiations were taking place at present in London.—Havas.

PLEBISCITE IN EAST PRUSSIA.

Paris, February 14. The Inter-Allied Commission which will organise the plebiscite in the Marienwerder territory (East Prussia) leaves Paris to-morrow night. Mr. Ida, is representing Japan.—Havas.

NEW PRESIDENT OF FRENCH CHAMBER.

Paris, February 13. M. Raoul Peret was yesterday elected President of the French Chamber. He is a lawyer and has been member for Poitiers since 1902, representing the Left Radical Party. He controlled the postal and telegraphic services for some time and became later Minister of Justice in the Painleve Government.—Havas.

M. POINCARE HONOURED.

Paris, February 13. M. Poincare was yesterday presented with a cross by the City of St. Quentin. The Senate unanimously confirmed the tribute paid by the Chamber to M. Poincare, that he deserved well of his country.—Havas.

JAPANESE CRUISERS VISITING FRANCE.

Paris, February 13. The Japanese cruisers Tokiya and Azuma will shortly visit Marseilles and Toulon. Vice Admiral Horiuchi, the Commander, is to visit Paris and the war front at the end of the month.—Havas.

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TO-DAY'S
MISCELLANY.

The South Foreland Light-house, which has been converted into a private dwelling house, is not quite unique. The old light-house on Beachy Head has for some years been used for the same purpose. It was abandoned as a lighthouse owing to the prevalence of fogs around Beachy Head, and its place has been taken by another light placed some 500 ft. lower, at the foot of the cliff, where there are rarely any fogs. Many of the old Martello towers along the South Coast, originally built as defence against a projected invasion by Napoleon, are now utilised as seaside "bungalows."

Dumas shared Dickens' liking for colour in clothes. Even the success of "The Three Musketeers" pleased him no more than the sensation he caused by appearing at a Court reception with a shirt whereon a number of little red devils depicted themselves amid flames of yellow fire. Theophile Gautier, too, was famous for the eccentric colouring of his waistcoats—particularly the crimson one he wore at the first performance of Hugo's "Hernani." "You became celebrated when very young," said an admirer to him in later years. "Yes, when very young," he answered, "because of my waistcoat."

A good deal of interest has been aroused in America by the starting of a steamship company—the Black Star Line—to be owned entirely by negroes, and to employ no officers or crews except of that race. Its vessels, moreover, will carry cargoes for negro business firms only. The first Black Star boat has been named the Frederick Douglass, after one of the most famous of negro politicians. Others will be called after other prominent coloured leaders, such as Booker Washington and Toussaint l'Ouverture. The New York "Nautical Gazette" notes that there is nothing novel in the employment of black crews or in the engagement of negro masters to command trading ships. It is on the business side that this venture is a new departure, and its success will therefore depend on the business acumen displayed by its backers.

An interesting case which was decided in the Court of Session the other day should not be overlooked by anybody who has to do with house property. A lady in February last told her landlord that she wished to vacate her

house in May this year and the landlord let it to a new tenant. But as the lady was disappointed in her arrangements to secure a lease of other premises, she declined to leave. The Sheriff Substituted a warrant of ejection, but the Sheriff-Principal, construing the Section of the 1915 Act, held that it gave no warrant for pronouncing such an order, and recalled the interlocutor. The Second Division reversed this decision, but the President expressly avoided the construction upon which the Sheriff-Principal founded, reserving his opinion on the question "whether, by giving notice to the landlord of her intention to vacate the house, the tenant had placed herself outside the statute altogether." It seems sound sense that when a tenant gives notice to quit the tenant has got to go. But what about the Act?

A legal action, which will be watched with great interest, is that in which the Second Division, on a reclaiming note, have upheld the decision of the Lord Ordinary, and allowed an issue for a trial before a jury. The case is one of alleged slander contained in a certificate of character or testimonial such as employers are so frequently asked for when a member of the staff leaves or is dismissed from his situation. Without conceding upon the merits of the particular case (which it has not been impossible to do as no evidence has yet been led), it is enough to say that the verdict of the jury will be awaited with interest for on their decision will hang the future of the certificates. Employers will not stop to consider whether or not the jury have been deciding an exceptional case; they will accept the ruling either as a warning to risk no certificates or as fully corroborating the privilege which they assume is vested in the issue of such certificates. Many people had their doubts; the jury's decision will settle the question one way or the other.

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FIVE YEARS AGO.

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THE DOLLAR.

Feb. 22nd.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 1s 11-5/8d.

THE PLAGUE EPIDEMIC.

Feb. 22nd.—We are glad to hear that Sergts. McIver, Holt and Phillips are to be presented with medals of merit for services rendered during the plague epidemic, under instructions of the Secretary of State who has sanctioned this recognition of their valuable services.

THE RACES.

Feb. 22nd.—The third day of the races opened heavy, raw and damp but by noon cleared away somewhat and for the rest of the afternoon was bright and sullen by turns. The weather, however, seemed to have little effect on the sporting enthusiasts, who, young and old of both sexes and all conditions of men, were out in full force, enjoying to the fullest each exciting event.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION.

Feb. 27th.—We understand that His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the Colony will present the Challenge shield and the thanks of the Community of the Colony to the Police Force in the Police compound of the Central Police Station at noon, on Friday, for their excellent services so faithfully rendered during the Black Plague.

SCHOOL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Feb. 27th.—Yesterday afternoon Mrs. F. H. May presented the prizes to the successful scholars at the Victoria Home and Orphanage. Major General Digby-Barker, on behalf of Mrs. Barker, in a few well chosen words congratulated the children who won prizes and impressed on them that they should not be discouraged and try hard to win prizes on a future occasion. The proceedings concluded by the children singing "God Save The King" in Chinese.

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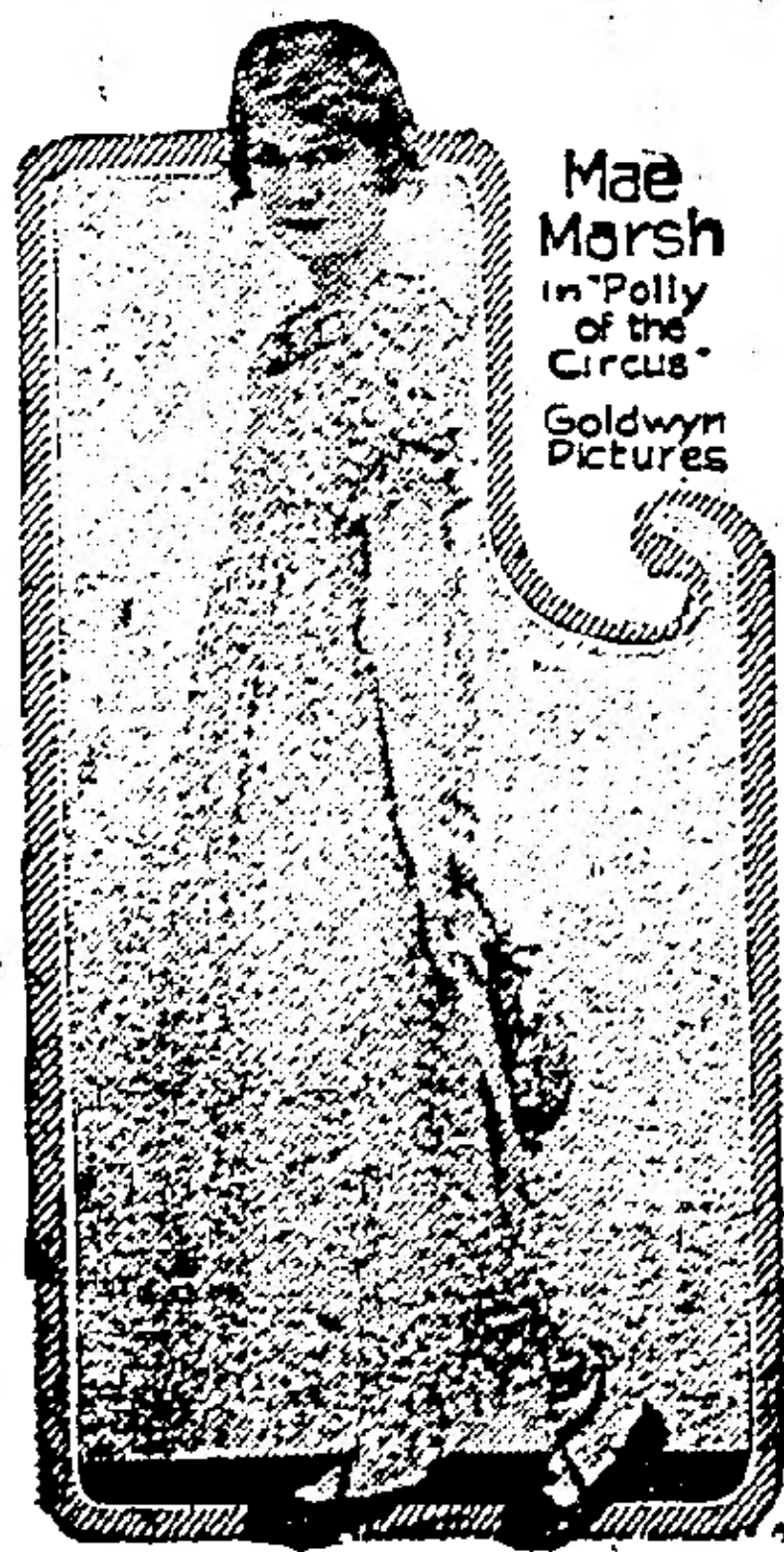
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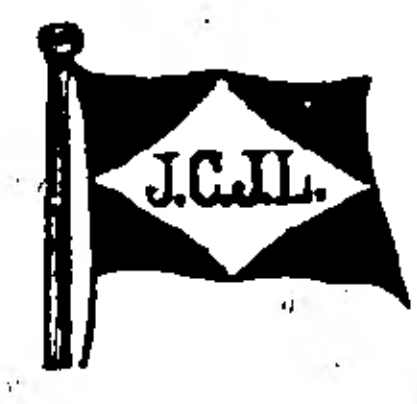
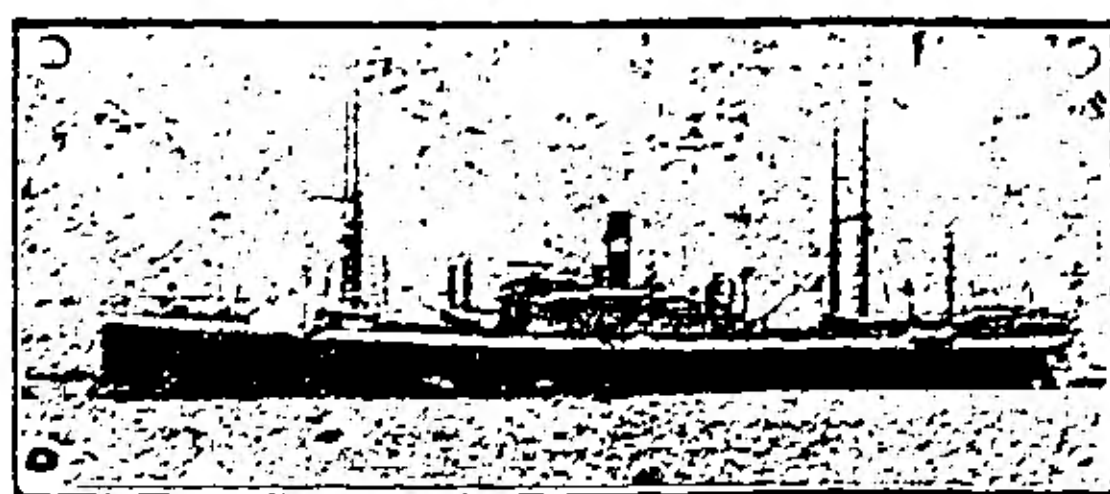
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Tungshingcheung Vingyenseo Road 66, from Shanghai.

Chungmunyue, No. 42, Con-nought Road, from Shanghai.

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T. KRING.

Superintendent.

Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1920.

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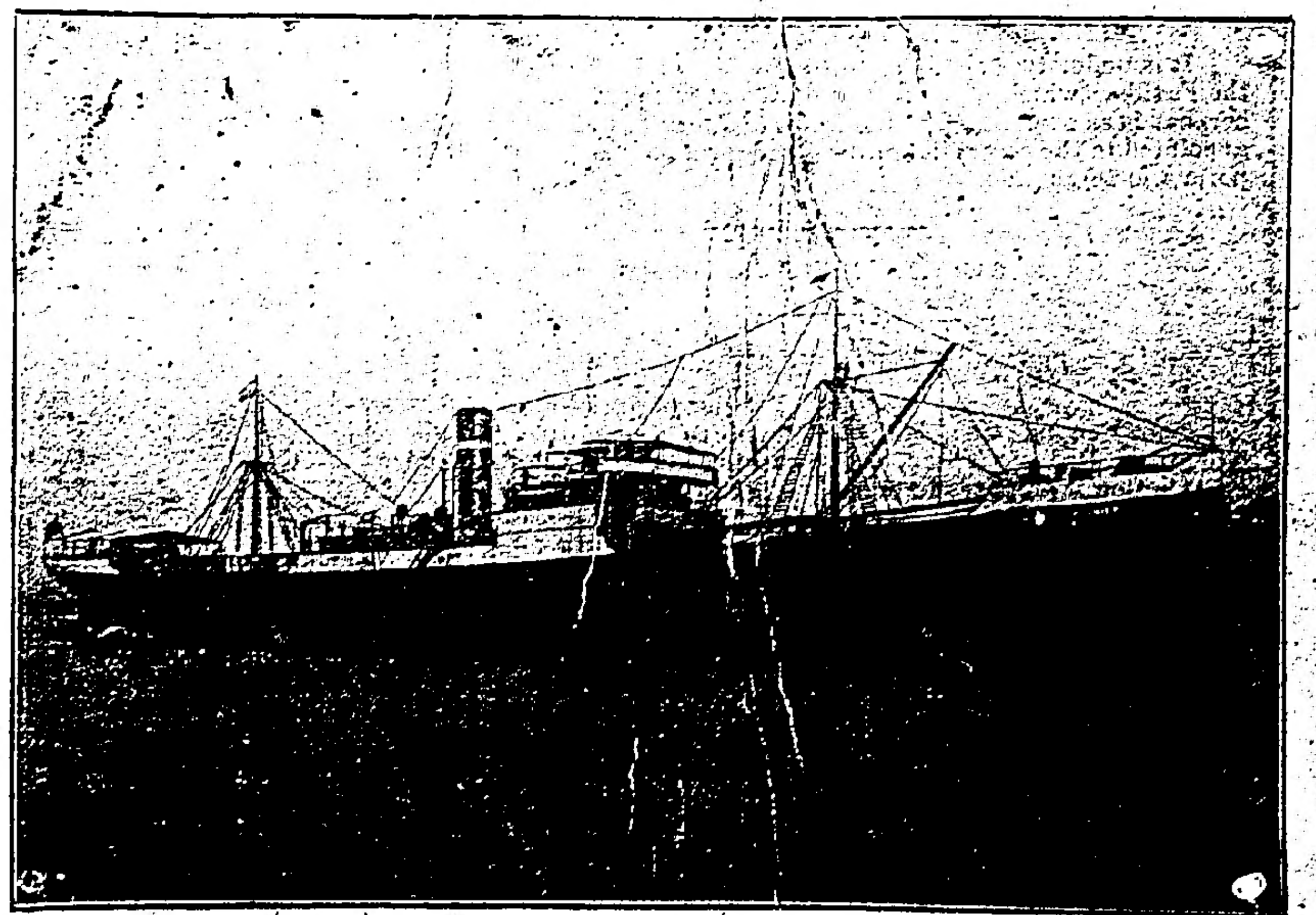
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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 4.)

LONG DISTANCE FLIGHTS.

COCKERELL IN EGYPT.

London, February 16.
The Times correspondent at Cairo, telegraphing yesterday, says that Cockerell's machine has landed at Mongalla.

FORCED TO LAND NEAR THONGALLA.

London, February 16.
The Air Ministry states that Cockerell's machine was forced to land owing to shortage of petrol at Khor, 20 miles north of Mongalla. The machine passengers are safe.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

London December 17.
Elaborate arrangements are being made in Canada in connection with the Empire Press Union delegates' tour and the forthcoming Conference at Ottawa. The delegation will leave Liverpool on July 17, and return in mid September. It will consist of 100 proprietors and editors of leading journals from all parts of the Empire. The tour will comprise the principal centres, enabling a first-hand study of Canadian conditions to be made. Lord Burnham will be Chairman of the United Kingdom Press Delegation. The Dominions will be well represented.

BRITAIN'S LIABILITIES.

London, February 17.
A White Paper shows that the State's gross liabilities on March 31, 1919 were £7,481,050,442, an increase of £1,559,954,623, compared with March 31, 1918.

EARL READING TO REMAIN LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

London, February 16.
Earl Reading's Secretary says there is no justification for the report which alleged that Earl Reading has accepted the American Ambassadorship.

FUTURE OF AUSTRIA.

Vienna, February 17.
A conference of Austrian Provincial Representatives at Salzburg, including Socialists, voted for the transformation of Austria into a Federal State.

THE CAPTURED SIBERIAN MISSIONS.

Copenhagen, February 14.
M. Trotzky has informed M. Litvinoff that members of the Anglo-French and Italian Missions captured in Siberia are being well treated.

ROME-TOKYO FLIGHT.

Smyrna, February 13.
The Caproni machine mentioned on February 5 as having left Salonika, has arrived and is resuming its flight to Adalia.

THE BULGARIAN TREATY.

RATIFICATION BY ITALY.

Rome, February 15.
Italy has formally ratified the Bulgarian Treaty.

SERBIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Belgrade, February 15.
The Davidovitch Cabinet has resigned owing to the Prince Regent refusing the Government's advice to dissolve Parliament and order elections for the National Constituent Assembly.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

WRECK OF THE FAZILKA.

Singapore, February 17.
It is understood that Captain V. Wiles, who was in command of the Fazilka, which was wrecked off Great Nicobar Island last October, has been exonerated by the Marine Court at Calcutta and been appointed to the command of the Quada, which was lying at Kidderpore a fortnight ago.

STRAITS DEFENCE CORPS.

PENANG WANTS A VOLUNTARY FORCE.

Singapore, February 18.
The Penang Chamber of Commerce Committee favours a Voluntary Defence Force, and is asking the Singapore Chamber what action it proposes to take.

NEW GOVERNOR VISITING PENANG.

Singapore, February 18.
His Excellency the Governor visits Penang on Tuesday next to receive addresses at the Town Hall.

STRAITS RICKSHA STRIKE COLLAPSES.

Shanghai, February 18.
The ricksha strike has almost completely collapsed. The majority of the pullers have returned to work.

TO RESCUE AMERICAN MISSIONARY.

Shanghai, February 19.
Mr. Frederick Smith, Chicago Tribune correspondent, is accompanying Dr. Osgood in his search for Dr. Shelton. He left here by the Sunning.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA MARU (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 24th Jan., and is expected here on the 3rd Mar.

The N. Y. K. s.s. WAKASA M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 29th Jan. and is expected here on the 11th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SAIKAI M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 7th Feb. and is expected here on the 27th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 15th Feb. and is expected here on the 4th Feb.

The P. & O. s.s. BANCA left Singapore for this port on the 15th instant at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 22nd instant at about 8 a.m.

The s.s. LAKE GILPEN (Calcutta Line) left Saigon on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. WEST SELENE left Shanghai on the 17th inst., and is due here on Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. CADOEPEAK (Calcutta Line) left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about Sunday Feb. 22nd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAIFUKU M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Penang and Singapore on the 9th Feb. and is expected here on the 29th Feb.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA from Hongkong on the 26th Jan arrived at Vancouver on the 9th February.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA M. (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 16th Feb. and is expected here on the 21st Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMBA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 14th Feb. and is expected here on the 24th March.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KOYEI M. (Bombay Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 18th Feb. and is expected here on the 25th Feb.

The N.Y.K. s.s. WAKAMATSU MARU (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 11th Feb. and is expected here on the 29th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. RANGOON M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 12th Feb. and is expected here on the 1st Mar.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAIAN M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 12th Feb. and is expected here on the 3rd March.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1920.

SELLING.

T/T	5/10
Demand	5/10 1/4
30 d/s	5/10 3/4
60 d/s	5/10 1/2
4 m/s	5/10 1/2
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	250 1/2
T/T Japan	205
T/T India	215
Demand, India	215
T/T San Francisco	98
T/T Java	259
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	14.10
Demand, Paris	—

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/O	5/14
4 m/s. D/P	5/8
6 m/s. L/C	6/1
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	5/1 1/4
30 d/s. San Francisco co & New York	99 3/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	14.60
6 m/s. France	14.75
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	28 1/2
T/T Bombay	215
Demand, Bombay	—
T/T Calcutta	215
Demand, Calcutta	—
Demand, Manila	199 1/4
Demand, Singapore	250 1/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	3.49 Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	29.40
Bar Silver, ready forward	84
	82

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

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" 10 "	\$9 pm.
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CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONGKONG.—22nd February, 1920.

1st Sunday in Lent.—Holy Communion (7.50 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: Ferial.

Venite: Dyce. Psalm: Felton (10th morning). Te Deum: Oakeley, in F (15th evening). Benedictus: Troatbeck. Hymns: 89, 263. Sevenfold Amen. N.B.—Psalm 51, verses 1, 5, 14 and 18 in unison. Litany (12 noon.) Evensong (6 p.m.) Responses: Ferial. Psalms: Purcell (1st evening) Turtle (5th evening).

Stainer (39th evening). Magnificat Baraby. Nunc Dimittis: Poland (22nd morning). Hymns: 187, (2nd tune) 84 (169) 84 (108). Sevenfold Amen. N.B.—Psalm 6, verses 1 and 9 in unison. Psalm 32, verses 1, 5 and 12 in unison. Psalm 143, verses 1, 2, 7, 8 and 11 in unison. Psalm 143, verse 12 to be omitted.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, WANCHAI.—Sunday 22nd February, 1920. Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Evening Service 6.00 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. W. Andrews.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST POINT.—Sunday, Feb. 22nd 1920. 8 a.m. Holy Communion 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, and Sermon.

PEAK CHURCH.—Holy Communion at 8.15 a.m. THE GOSPEL HALL.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services.—Sunday. Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday. Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday. Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday. Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday. Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, GLENEALY.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME, ARSENAL STREET.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services p.m. ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, GARDEN ROAD.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.—MacDonnell Road. Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

TIDE TABLE.

16th to 22nd Feb. 1920.

Day	High Water		Low Water	
	Hongkong	Mean Time	Hongkong	Mean Time
Mon. 16	h. m.	6.50	h. m.	1.55
Tues. 17	7.35	6.56	0.39	3.6
Wed. 18	8.22	7.2	1.24	3.4
Thurs. 19	9.09	7.7	2.09	3.1
Fri. 20	9.56	8.0	2.94	2.8
Sat. 21	10.43	8.3	3.79	2.5
Sun. 22	11.30	8.6	4.64	2.2

m morning, a afternoon.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the above named Company will be closed from Monday the 23rd day of February 1920 to Saturday the 28th day of February 1920 both days inclusive.

Dated this 16th day of February 1920.
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NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday the 28th day of February 1920, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 16th February, to Saturday 28th February 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1920.

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Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of February, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of the following Lots of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
			feet.	feet.	feet.	feet.		\$	\$
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1391.	North of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1392, Hong Lok Street.	As per sale plan.				1,275	14	765
3	No. 1392.	Do. Lot No. 1391.	Do.				275	14	765
4	No. 1393.	Do. Lot No. 1392.	Do.				1,275	14	765
5	No. 1394.	Do. Lot No. 1393.	Do.				1,275	14	765
6	No. 1395.	North of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1396, Portland Street.	Do.				1,139	14	683
7	No. 1396.	Do. Lot No. 1395.	Do.				1,139	14	683

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Superintendent of the Imports

and Exports, Hongkong, before

bills of Lading can be counter-

signed.

All broken, chafed and damag-

ed goods are to be left in the Go-

downs, where they will be ex-

amined on February 25th at

10 a.m., and February 26th at 10

a.m.

All claims must be presented

within a week of the steamer's

arrival here, after which they

cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted

after the goods have left the

Godowns and all goods remaining

undelivered after February 26th,

will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever

will be effected.

Consignees are requested to

send in their Bills of Lading for

countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.

Hotel Mansions.

Hongkong, 19th Feb. 1920.

NOTICE.

DANCING.

PALACE HOTEL.

Saturday, 21st February.

The Band of the "Korea Maru"

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Saturday 21st inst. from 7.30 p.m.

Dancing 9 p.m.

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Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of Feb. 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shauiwan Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rent	Upset Price.
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Induced Lot No. 1226	Adjoining Indian Lands Shashihau Road.	feet	feet.	feet.	feet			
As			per	acre	plan		1,365	14	1,024

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, 18th February

Tea Dansant and Dinner Dance

FRIDAY, 20th February—

Tea Dansant and Dinner Dance

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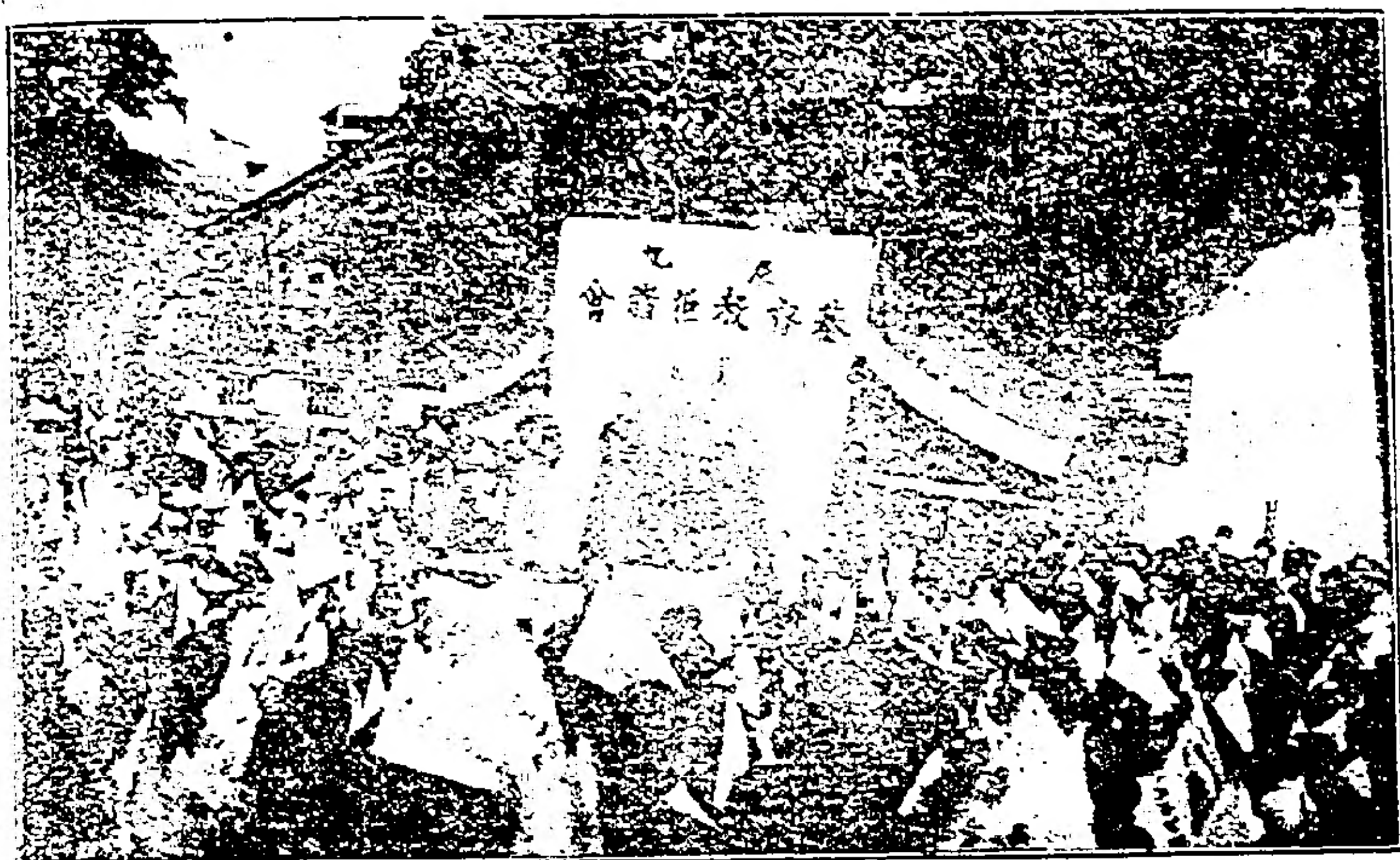


Photo: Canton Times.
Mass meeting of Chinese Christians at Canton, held to protest against gambling.



Photo: Canton Times.
Group of old women who have joined the anti-gambling society in Canton.



Mrs. P. E. Van Gagb, wife of the Lieutenant Governor of Djokjokarta, Java, who has been given magnificent jewels by the native ruler of Java.

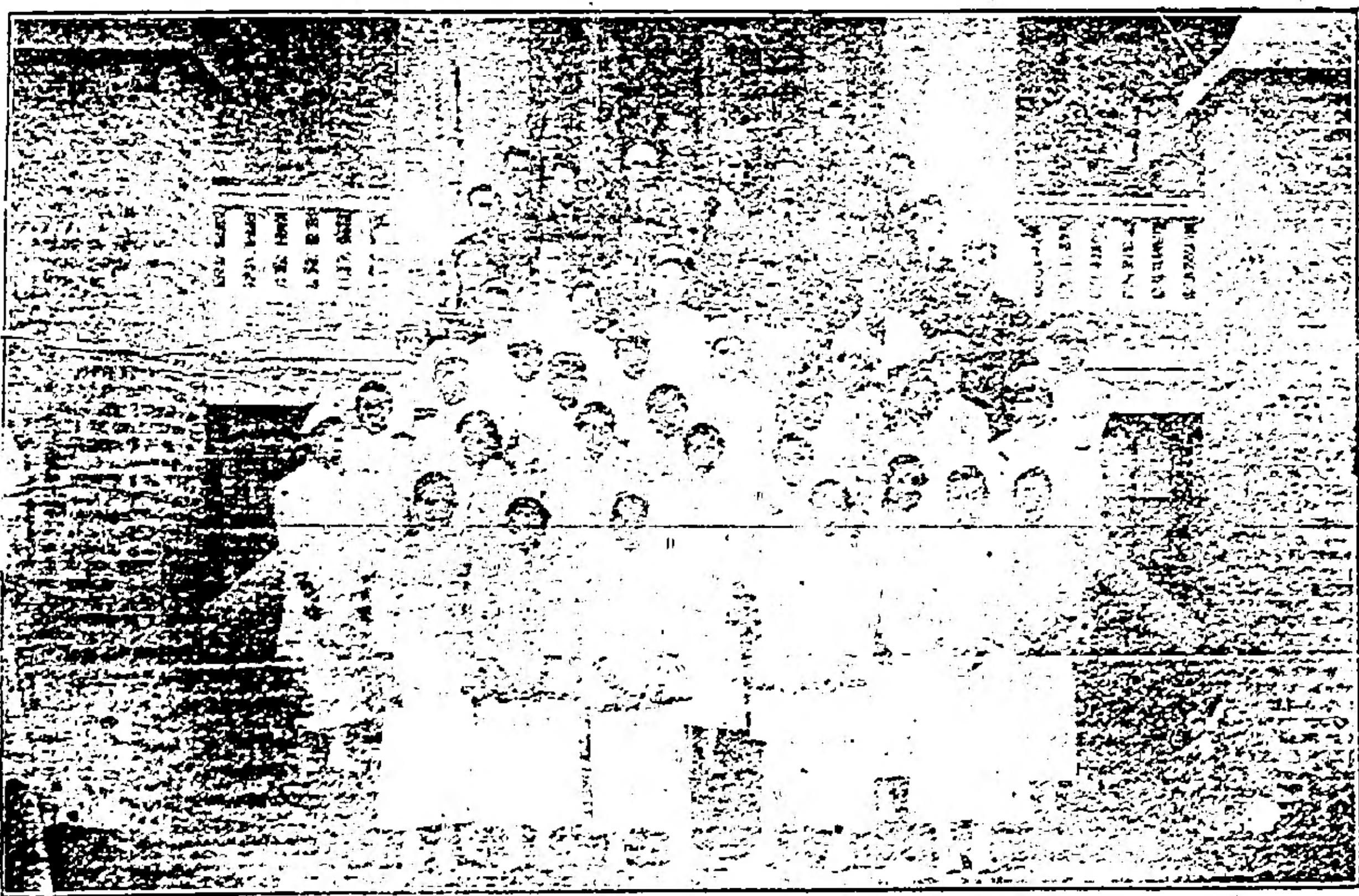


Photo: Canton Times.
Group of staff of the Kung Yee Medical College, Canton.

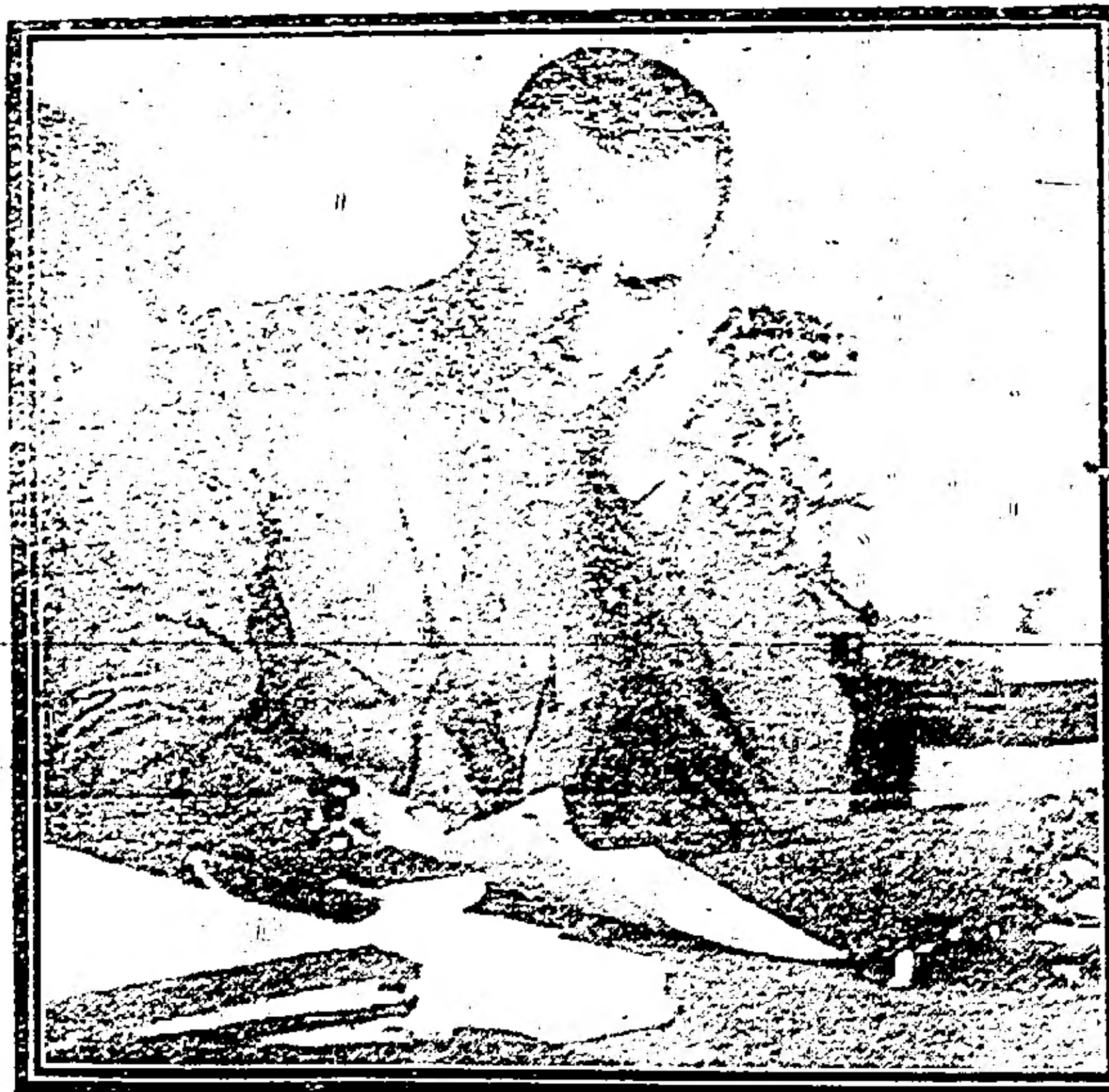


Photo: Underwood.
Admiral Koltchak at his headquarters.

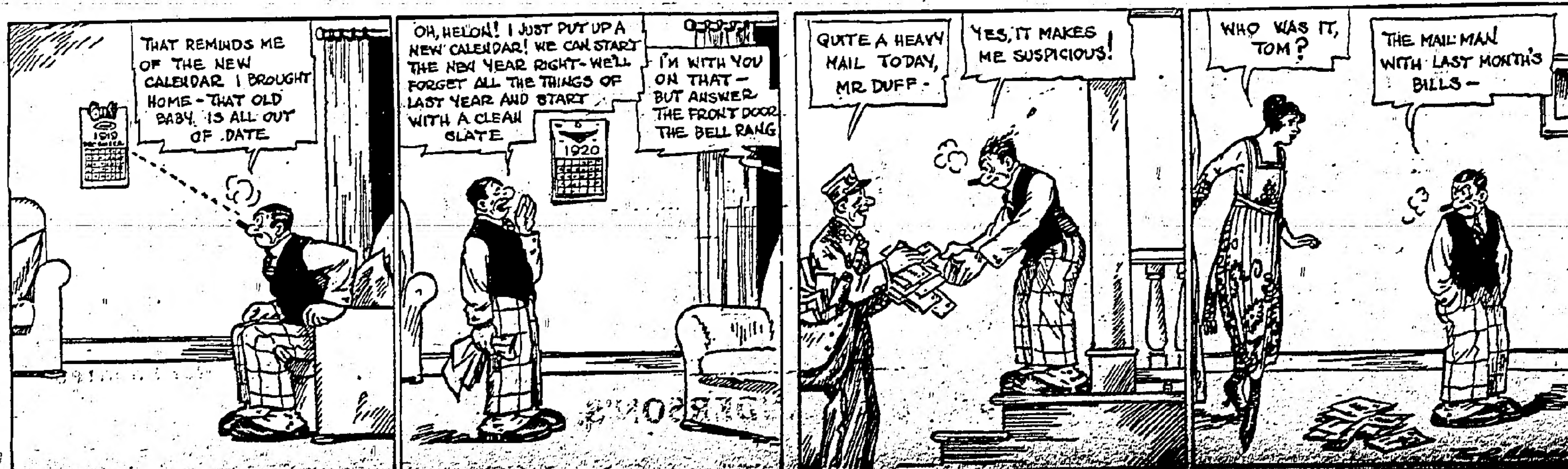


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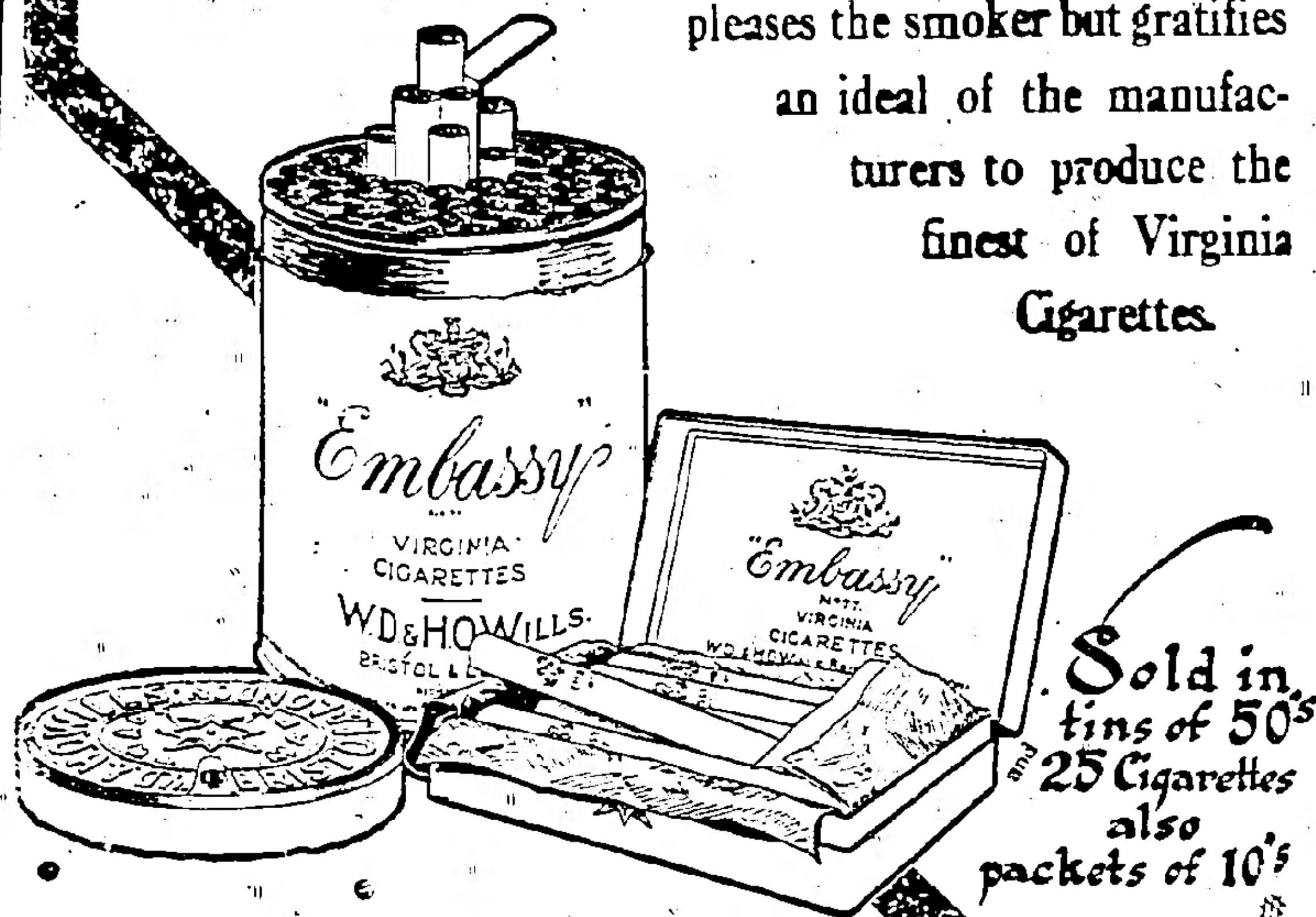
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Hankow—Per HANYANG, 25th Feb.
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Straits and Calcutta—Per KAL FUKU M., 29th Feb.

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Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.
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Haiphong, Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ—Per ATLAS MARU, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via LIVERPOOL—Per DEMODUCUS, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.
Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA MARU, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, L. Marques, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE via SUEZ—Per ATLAS M., 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America & EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA M., 23rd Feb., Reg. Letters 12.45 p.m. 1.30 p.m.
Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 23rd Feb., 4.15 p.m.
Shanghai and North China—Per HANGSANG, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.
Tientsin—Per CHIPSHING, 23rd Feb., 5 p.m.

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